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requests have also been received and have been reviewed by the State Claims Board. The Business and Labor Committee would ask that the Legislature advance 1255 as amended.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Any further discussion on LB 1255 as amended? If not, all those in favor of the motion to advance will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: LB 1255 as amended has been advanced. Now we move to LB 1256. Senator Barrett, if I may, before you start on this bill, Senator Smith has two guests, Robert and Toni Mays from Hastings, Nebraska. If they would please rise so that we may recognize them, thank you for coming and visiting. Senator Barrett, now on LB 1256.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. President and members, 1256 would simply make appropriations for the payment of 95 miscellaneous claims filed by teachers who were employed and are employed by four different state agencies. The claims have been recommended for approval by the State Claims Board and full agreement by the Business and Labor Committee. The teachers who are filing these claims were employed by the Department of Public Institutions, the Department of Education, the Department of Correctional Services, and the Department of Public Welfare, and the claims do arise out of a wage order by the Commission of Industrial Relations for contract year '83-84, and in one case '82-83 and '83-84. The bill makes an appropriation out of the General Fund in the amount of \$139,881. I would urge the body to advance the bill to E & R. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Barrett. Senator Warner on LB 1256, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to call your attention to the issue that you probably are deciding with the advancement of this bill. Senator Barrett has explained this is a response to a Commission of Industrial Relations finding, which in fact they found the teachers at four...employed in four different agencies to be paid at a level below what was comparable. This will be the first time that we have retroactively funded such a finding for past years. You may recall that three or four years ago UN-O had a similar order in which in that case the funding, additional funding was not